at will Unto ours there remained no comfort at all, no hope, no supply either of ships, men or weapons , the masts all beaten overboard, all her tackle cut asunder, her upper work altogether razed, and in effect evened she was with the water, but the very foundation or bottom of the ship nothing being left over either for flight or defence

Sir Richard finding himself in this distress, and unable any longer to make resistance, hiving endured in this fifteen hours* fight the assault of fifteen several armados, all by turns aboard him, and by estimation 800 shot of great artillery, besides many assaults and entries , and seeing that he himself and his ship must needs be possessed by the enemy, who were now all cast in a ring about him, for the *Revenge* was not able to move one way or other but as she was moved with the waves and billows of the sea, commanded the master gunner, whom he knew to be a most resolute man, to split and sink the ship that thereby nothing might remain of glory or victory to the Spaniards, and persuaded the company, or as many of them as he could induce, to yield themselves unto God and to the mercy of none else, but as they had like valiant and resolute men repulsed so many enemies, they should not shorten the honour of their nation by prolonging their own lives for a few hours or a few days The master gunner readily condescended and a divers few others , but the Captain and the Master were of another opinion and besought Sir Richard to have a care of them, alleging that the Spaniard would be as ready to entertain a composition as they were willing to offer the same, and that there being yet divers sufficient and valiant men still livrng, -md whose wounds were not mortal, they might do their country and

Prince acceptable service hereafter , and that where Sir Richard had alleged that the Spaniards should never glory to have taken one ship of Her Majesty's, seeing that they had so long and so notably defended themselves, they answered that the ship had six foot of water in hold, three shot under water which were so weakly stopped as with the first working of the sea she must needs sink, and was besides so crushed and bruised as she could never be removed out of place

The matter being thus in dispute and Sir Richard refusing to hearken to any of those reasons, the master of the *Revenge*